

"I think I may say, that between me and my
 noble friend, that wing of friendship has been
 almost a feather."

A very Revolving Place.—Brazil.

(From JERU.)

NEVER AGAIN.—MacGregor (who always gets
 mad when he sees the bottom of his whisky
 bottle): I do thoroughly enjoy my life, and
 when my time comes to leave this world, I hope that the first face to
 greet me in the next will be that of my dear old
 horse "Rasper," who died last year.—(Gibber
 never understood MacGregor's horse talking.)
 (Will he be a man, but never a horse yet.)

Well, I've had a many, but never a horse yet whose face I want to see again anywhere.

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to be poisonous. After that, we may expect to see a number of people who are larger on the increase. Even those who are not tired of their lives will be tempted to adopt the "suicidal policy," for the more gratification we derive from life, the more we are inclined to know that some of these venturers are individuals ourselves. Spooner says he is cheerfully taking the consequences of a thousand petty evils and miseries, rather than the truth of the doctors' dictum.

Three solitaires have been struck out of the "rolls." How low on earth are they now to their daily lives!

(From ALAN SPOONER.)

"H'm, do you dance, Mr. Dullifroy?" said Miss "Singing," "Aw—no," replied Mr. Dullifroy. "Sing?" "Oh no," then, "Dance?" "Suppose you sing," said Miss "Singing?" also inquired, "Aw—no." "To what," despairingly asked Miss Viraciosa, "are you going?" "To the dance," replied Mr. Dullifroy. "Your forfeit? Are you renowned for anything?" "Oh, yes," replied Mr. Dullifroy.

Former foes have set in. It is a dark dreary time. Yet young love still reigns supreme royal tide. Her head gently rears above the black and white crest of the crown of innocence, such as the early rising host bestows upon his first drink. And what does she? Slenderly and gently the words slip from her lips, and the words are like the words of a noble vale. "It's cold enough to freeze the tail of a bailed muleman. When's that time next rain and a rub gain to be" uttered up.

He said that her part of love was a music—The music of her silver voice.

Or the pearl of a brook.

In some sweet sylvan nook.

In the midst of a flower spangled dell.

But now that they've mated and caressed
Be parted by heart and by words,
And the words are the words of a brook,
And the heart is the heart of a Jew.

Resembles the cow
Of a wheezy, mathematical rook.

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which was well brought out by Messrs. Lanson, Watson, and Downes. The new

Miss Alice Leamer, the pianist.

Mr. Irving, in his capacity as hon. president of the Edinburgh Students' Dramatic Society, was received as the guest of last week when he met the students in the course of his speech, an offer to assist them, saying:—"I will tell you another thing I shall be delighted to do. If the Dramatic Society like to amuse themselves by studying 'The Merchant of Venice,' I shall be very glad to come and play Shylock amongst you. (Loud and prolonged applause.) I don't know what your Messrs would say, but I don't know if I don't know whether any of you could be very jealous of having the women's parts taken away from you. (Laughter.) I don't know whether you play them or not. However, they did in Shakespeare's day, which was a very good example to you. You know the story, I dare say, of a gentleman who was playing 'Shylock' before Charles II. He had a little delay, and the King got a little impatient and asked, 'Why don't you begin?' The reply was 'Oh, please your Highness, Desdemona is just getting shaved.' (Loud laughter.) I don't want to shock the professors, as I say, gentlemen for whom I have the greatest esteem and respect, but I am sure the professors and ladies will be sure to be interested in the good feeling with which I make you that suggestion. (Cheers.) I am quite sure that, if it be acceptable, you will not have a male Fortin on that occasion. (Cheers.)—but that if you accept the services of Miss Terry, I am sure she will be happy to give them. (Loud cheers.) That is a very good idea, it rests with you to carry it out. (Cheers.) It cannot be done here, you must come up to London, and we will do it on our stage. (Laughter and prolonged cheering.)—followed by the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' and cheers for Miss Terry. The 'Independents' contemplate producing

adaptation of three foreign plays—"Le Balcon," "Le Fils de l'Étendard" and "Wildcat"—all produced by the Dominion of Wales Theatre Co., also as an "original and unconventional" English play. With a view to the grand project these stage fascists invite persons to plant down £9 10s. each with a view to establishing the society, and the sanguine Mr. Grein hopes are long to be in receipt of the money.—Mr. Wilcox, the author of one of the plays called "Jenny," has written avowedly for the purpose combating the insinuation of Mr. H. A. J. that when the actor-manager turns dramatist all his situations are cribes from the plays of others. The piece is to be put to proof before Bristol audience some time in December.—M. Coquelin's impetuous and picturesque life has furnished material for a Parisian journal a biographical sketch of the actor, setting forth his earliest start in life as a baker. To this notice the actor has replied thanking his biographer for certain particulars regarding his birth and family of which he was ignorant himself must be given. Under all reserve we must hope that Mrs. J. Wood is to retire immediately from management, when the Court Theatre will at once pass into the occupation of one of our brightest and most popular young actors-managers.—The marvellous success of Grammie has so tremendously thronged the theatre that it is necessary to follow suit, for on 6th December, it is said, the Opera Comique bill of fare will consist of "Hook and Eye" at 8 o'clock "The Queen's Room," at 9 and "The Liar," at 10.0.—It is on cards that for the next comic opera composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan the librettist will be George Gilbert, but George Sims, and, judged by his quaint humorous verses included weekly in "Mustard and Cress," the author of the "Donnet ballads," should do the work well.—The subject of the play Mr. Calmer has commissioned to write for Mr. Irving is "Dante and Beatrice." How the husband of Miss Terry is to be used time probably show, but Mr. Irving, by nature as well as art will give a perfect presentation of Dante, and Miss Ellen Terry shall prove a poetical Beatrice.—"The Gambler" is the title of a new play by provincial playwright, Mr. J. W. Bond, to be tested at the Shaftesbury on 1st December.—A sensational and a historical illustrated weekly paper shortly to be started by a young actor well familiar to players on both sides of the Atlantic.—A series of bi-weekly matinee performances is to be given by Mr. B. for the purpose of testing new plays and living odd ones.—Through the theatrical mind that has flung the announcements made by Miss Ellen Farrow to a Sydney newspaper that "Cinder-Elleen"

Christmas entertainment in preparation the Galaxy, is the last burlesque in which will figure. After that, only comedy remains. The Australians are prepared to give a warm reception on their forthcoming visit. Mrs. Langtry and to Mr. William Harrison. Miss Jessie Millward, the American, will appear on Monday (Sunday), and will be replaced with another illustrative of the Egypt. This has been painted by Mr. Berminger, and will be ready for opening in a few weeks.—The following pieces, &c., will be produced at the outlying theatres next week.—*“A Million of Money;”* Standard, *Two Orphans;”* Elephant and *Cosmical entertainment by the “Mystic Minstrels;”* Pavilion, *“Brother Britain;”* Paul Friar, and *“The Still Alarm;”* the humorous *“Our Ship,”* Stratford, *“Chorus,”* and *“Round the Clock;”* Lyric, *“Hamlet,”* and *“The Ticker of Leave Man.”* The coterie of music-hall artists known as *“The Terriers”* will give their annual plain and fancy dress ball at the Freemasons’ Tavern on Wednesday the 9th proximo.—The new departure of Sadler’s Wells has been so successful, Messrs. Wilnot and Freeman have decided to close the theatre for the season. This will occur in a week’s time, and the house is reopened it will be ready to be fitted with all the requirements essential for variety entertainment.—On Monday last Miss Carrie Arnold, a dynamic athlete, was to have appeared at the Pavilion. Towards the close of the entertainment, however, Mr. E. Swabbe appeared upon the stage, and announced

Miss Arnold's appearance had been postponed. The name of this lady has also been withdrawn from the Tivoli programme. Mr. Conquest has generously set apart one of the Surrey Theatre next Thursday for ticket-burners in aid of Mrs. T. E. Jones.

Mr. Whiston, county coroner, opened the inquest in the Town Hall, where he was called on by the jury to read the verdict. The verdict was that the death of Hubert Brewer was caused by the explosion of a gas lantern gas bag. Joseph Satterthwaite, who was exhibiting with the lantern, said he had given similar exhibitions for two years. On the present occasion, when all was peaceful, he noticed an unusual crackling as he felt along his tubes. He was over-

the gas was drawn out of the explosion chamber as it escaped in the form of the hydrogen bag. Referring to questions by Professor Guinness, of Nottingham University, witness said he always used the same bag for experiments. On examining one lot, the professor found the gas was made to come from the chamber by Mr. Scottgrood. "I am not sure," witness said, "but I think I saw it was defective. He could only account for the defect by the pressure through the tape." Mr. F. D. Munn, for Mr. Scottgrood, called Mr. Isaac Chidwick, scientific apparatus manufacturer, 31, Mary's-street, Birmingham, to the witness stand. He was asked to read the "Manual." In his opinion, the gas in jets would be of no practical value, as oxygen flame could easily be drawn down it. He knew that Mr. Lewis Wright was of the same opinion. —H. Knowles, of the Birmingham Oxygen Company, said he had been in the business 25 years in making and exporing water gas. His opinion was that gases would be mixed, and that the light from the lantern would pass back down to the tape, causing the first explosion. The tape would form an obstruction sufficient to stop the gas from exploding for a little time. The gas would be coming out of the explosion, as the tape could be positively raised before the explosion. —After further evidence, the jury decided that the explosion was purely accidental, and that Mr. Scottgrood had used all ordinary precautions.

the morning of Sunday, the 15th. A couple whose name she believed was Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington, occupied a parlour. On night in question Mrs. Hetherington had couple of visitors; one was her sister the other was a man supposed to be this sister's sweetheart. A dreadful quarrel ensued. There was a scuffle and followed by a fall in the hall and cries for "Murder." Witness's husband went downstairs to ascertain the cause, and found a deceased woman there with her clothing fastened and disordered. He at once returned upstairs and asked witness to go down. He did so and re-arranged her dress.—Elizabeth Grinver, wife of a buttermilk horse, Mr. Baldock, was engaged on Tuesday morning to mend the dresses of an armchair. A doctor was sent for.—Pedlar, Hornsey-road, stated that he paid second visit and found her in an exhausted state, also suffering from a contused shoulder. He called again at 6 p.m., and for a time at 10 p.m. He had made a post-mortem examination. The cause of death was from excess of blood action on an enfeebled system combined with a feeble, fatty heart. The injury to the shoulder would increase shock to the heart, and the fracture of shoulder and the other injuries accelerated the said death.—The jury returned a verdict that the death was accelerated by accident and not intentional injuries, the deceased being intoxicated at the time.

charge of unlawfully conspiring, together with other persons, to falsely ascribe to Mr. Malcolm Alexander Morris, a medical gentleman, of having promised to pay ten guineas for the preparation of a certain document in a remarkable case, and the Recorder of the most merciful of judges—in the extreme sentence of two years' imprisonment with hard labour. Thus the prisoner was found, typically as soon as released, again engaged upon nefarious proceedings. The conviction was for a most skillfully-laid-out conspiracy, the prosecutor having been subjected to a considerable amount of vexation. Justice Hawkins said the prisoner had been convicted on evidence about as clear as could possibly be, and had also on a previous occasion been convicted of the infamous crime of attempting to extort money by making a false accusation against a medical gentleman. It was obvious that the prisoner was a dishonest, and dangerously dishonest, man. He did not show any remorse, and passing and uttering threats that there were two other individuals charging him with sending letters containing threats to Lady Jessel and Lady Bland, but he punished him for the crime of which he stood convicted. The prisoner was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, sending the threatening letter, and the years' penal servitude for the unlawful possession of the forged bill of exchange.

DRINK AND ATTEMPTED MURDER
At Leeds, Edward Atkinson, 25, was remanded for a week on the charge of having attempted to murder his father-in-law, a tailor, aged 62, by cutting his throat. He alleged that the prisoner went home last Monday in an intoxicated state, and intended to smash the furniture, afterwards making an attack upon his father, who was in bed.

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At the St. Louis County Courthouse, his Honor St. Francis Lloyd heard an action in which J. H. Hanson, lodging-house keeper, Llanfair, Idaho, was sued by Mr. Stubbs, ex-brother-in-law, for \$200. The bill was for money advanced to the defendant, Mr. Norton. Hanson appeared for the plaintiff; and A. A. Griffith was for the defendant. The plaintiff engaged rooms at the defendant's house last summer for six weeks at the rate of \$3 a week. According to the evidence, since Mr. Stubbs' bills were paid for the first two weeks and receipts given. For the third week, when \$20 was due, she and the defendant's wife took 45 notes, and received the change. Unfortunately the defendant's wife disappeared with the money, and the bill due for the fourth week amounted to \$20. Mrs. Stubbs made entries of these payments in an account book (produced), which she had kept for fifteen years. When she presented payment for bills to Mr. Hanson, he disappeared. She received payment for the fourth week. Stubbs thereupon submitted her cashbook to her husband, who found that the account balanced. In order to avoid any bother,

Stubbins called her by the name of "account dispute" but Mrs. Griffith said that was not the subject, saying it was not a dispute at all. She did not wish to jeopardize her reputation, but eventually she accepted the money. Replying to Mr. Griffith, Mrs. Stubbins declared that she had had any similar disputes before and any extraordinary slips of memory. Mrs. Stubbins gave evidence as to the circumstances under which the disputed bill was paid the second time. Mr. Griffith: But why you pay this money a second time if you are certain that your wife had previously paid—The Plaintiff: I acted upon my solicitor's advice. Mr. Griffith argued for the defendant, from information which he had received from the Stubbins. The defendant received this confusion was due wholly to her having allowed her bills to become overdue. The defendant and his wife have been examined in his honour postponed judgment in order that the wife might furnish the registrar with a book containing her own accounts.

PAINFUL SCENE AT A CHAPEL
A series of extraordinary but painful sensations occurred during Sunday night's sermon at the Ebenezer Welsh Wesleyan Chapel, Carnarvon. Just prior to the commencement of the sermon a low moan came from a near the far end of the chapel, followed by loud shriek and sounds as if some one was in the throes of death. Shortly after the groaning ceased in the place. Many alluded to the pew whence the extraordinary sounds emanated, and found a member of congregation named W. Morgan, writhing, gasping for breath. Almost simultaneously several ladies fainted, and so seriously one affected that she had to be carried out of the sacred edifice, the result being that

congregation were almost panic-stricken. The officiating minister, the Rev. Edward J. Ryan, was considerably alarmed, but amid the confusion he was heard to announce that no danger was apprehended. Ryan was then given the benediction with a wonderful effect, restorers having been given the sick member, who had been attacked by an epileptic fit. He came round, and the service was afterwards proceeded with.

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LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

The strike of glass-workers at Bordeaux has terminated.

At Plymouth, a stationer, named Albert Channell, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

A man named Charles Lockwood, a slater, of Brompton-road, fell from the top of a house in Eaton-square, and died shortly after from the effects of his injuries.

Mr. George MacQueen, who has acted as agent for the Cunard Company, at Queens-town, for upwards of eighteen years died on the 21st of disease of the kidneys.

A despatch from Livorno announced the death of General Prince Obolenski, aide-de-camp to the Czar and Marshal of the Imperial Guard. The deceased, who was 45 years of age, died suddenly of pneumonia. He was aide-de-camp to the present Czar when the latter was Czarowitch.

A serious fire occurred on the 21st inst. at Messrs. Marson and Co.'s carriage factory, Bedford-square, Birmingham. After the fire broke out, the firemen discovered the fire in a wheelwright's shop in the rear of the premises. The damage is estimated at £4,000.

News reached Dublin on the 21st inst. of the death of Mr. Collis Watkins, R.H.A., in Kerry, where he had gone to paint a picture for the forthcoming exhibition in Abbey-street. By the death of Mr. Watkins, Ireland loses one of its best painters, and one who has done much to maintain the reputation of the Dublin school of landscape painting.

At Skipton James Smith, 33, a labourer, who had been secretary to the Adjudicator of the 19th inst. was charged on remand with forging a cheque for £100, and with defrauding the lodge. There were numerous counts in the indictment against the prisoner, whose total defalcations up to date were alleged to be over £300. Prisoner was committed for trial.

After a three days' Board of Trade inquiry at Cardiff into the disaster which befell the s.s. "Woolston," of Bristol, which was absent on the 22nd of September, when bound to New York, judgment was given on the 21st. The court declared it did not find the officers in fault or that any blame could be attached to the owners or supercargo.

The suicide of a daughter, daughter of one of the best known residents. The girl had quarrelled with her lover, and on her father reaching home after 11 o'clock at night he found that she had taken strychnine in her bed-room and was in a dying state. It is the third suicide of young girls resident in the district within a year.

At Guy's Hospital of Rose Treen, 11, a scholar attending St. Saviour's school, Union-street, Borough. On Thursday afternoon the girl was descending the staircase at the school when she overbalanced herself over the balustrade, a distance of 24ft. She was taken to hospital, where she remained until her death.

The authorities of Guy's Hospital informed Mr. Langham of the death of Percy Smith, 65, provision dealer, of 61, St. Wood-street, Rotherhithe. Deceased had been strange in his manner for some time, and on the 14th inst. was found by his wife lying on the floor with his throat cut. He was taken to Guy's Hospital, where he died from the shock to the system consequent upon the injuries.

Very decided effort was being made by trades and labour councils at Stoughton-on-Trent, to secure direct representation on local public bodies, and the movement has had the special support of Mr. Tom Mann and other labour leaders. At the recent municipal elections two of the four labour candidates were returned, and on the counting of the votes in the School Board election it was found that one of the two labour nominees had been successful.

In connection with the East Dorset election, the Canon Casanova presided over a meeting held at Cranborne in support of the candidature of Mr. Humphrey Sturt. Mr. Hulse, M.P., for Salisbury, was the principal speaker, and in the course of his remarks drew comparisons between the administration of Lord Salisbury and that of Mr. Tom Mann and other labour leaders. At the recent municipal elections two of the four labour candidates were returned, and on the counting of the votes in the School Board election it was found that one of the two labour nominees had been successful.

Mr. Langham was on the 24th informed of the death of George James Drewett, 38, of Friter-road, Bermondsey, a cook, employed in the City. That morning, on the arrival of a train at Cannon-street Station, and to fall was seen to alight from the train. He was extricated as soon as possible and taken to hospital, where he was found to be quite dead, being shockingly injured about the body.

The death of Henry White, an attendant at the asylum at Dartford, Kent, was on the 21st inst. reported to the South-Eastern Railway. That morning, on the arrival of a train at Cannon-street Station, and to fall was seen to alight from the train. He was extricated as soon as possible and taken to hospital, where he was found to be quite dead, being shockingly injured about the body.

At Manchester, a young fellow named John H. Hallas was sent to goal for two months for breach of the peace on Friday night. Great disturbance was caused in the hall because part of the entertainment was omitted. Windows were broken, gas standards were torn down, and the gallery floors thrown into the pit. Outside a riot occurred, and stones were thrown and the police severely handled.

Some important arrests were made at Manchester on the 21st inst. In one case the police arrested John Ryan, who, it is stated, is known as the king of coiners, and is an ex-convict, and took possession of 530 half-crowns. They also apprehended a woman, and subsequently succeeded, after a fierce struggle, in arresting two other men on whom they found fifty-three base coins. At the police court all the prisoners were remanded.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord George Hamilton, accompanied by Rear-Admiral Bedford, Junior Sea Lord, and Captain Dale, his private secretary, arrived at Portsmouth on the 21st inst. and dined with Admiral the Earl of Clarendon. Later on they visited the extension works in the dockyard, and subsequently embarked on board the Enchantress, on route to Portland, where they made an inspection of the new torpedo works. The stay at Portland was not a long one.

At Liverpool Police Court Lavinia Mason, third stewardess on the Allan Line steamer, Mongolian, was charged with attempting to murder George Stewart, purser of the vessel, by shooting him with a revolver. Prisoner fired several shots at Stewart on deck while the vessel was approaching Liverpool on the 14th inst. severely wounding him. She said she had no wish to injure Stewart, but had frequently promised to marry her, and also threatened to leave her. The prisoner was remanded on bail.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

The award of Mr. J. Anderson, president of the Royal Society of British Architects, who was mutually agreed on as the arbitrator in the recent dispute in the building trade, which extended over a period of six months, and during the progress of which £30,000 was expended by the United Trade Committee, the Carpenters and Joiners, acting on behalf of the men, has been officially declared, and was handed over to Mr. W. Apperley, secretary of the United Trade Committee, and the representative of the Central Association of Master Builders of London simultaneously.

The demands of the men were for a working week of forty-seven hours, payment at the rate of 10d. per hour, with overtime at the rate of 12d. and a half after 5 p.m. and before 8 p.m., and double time from 8 p.m. to starting time next morning, and all time after 12 noon on Saturdays to be paid at this rate; that sub-letting and piece-work should be abolished; that the men should be provided with a suitable place for the men to have their meals and look up their tools; and that after fifty hours' work one hour's wages should be allowed for grinding. The arbitrator says the men have failed to establish their claim to an increase of wages, and the employers are also to provide suitable places for the men to have their meals and look up their tools; and that after fifty hours' work one hour's wages should be allowed for grinding. The arbitrator says the men have failed to establish their claim to an increase of wages, and the employers are also to provide suitable places for the men to have their meals and look up their tools; and that after fifty hours' work one hour's wages should be allowed for grinding.

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THE LADY MAGNET.

Another column in the notice bearing upon the performance of Miss Annie Abbott, the "Lady Magnet," which has been created so much excitement at the Alhambra Theatre of Varieties recently. On the night of the 19th inst., C. Mitchell, the well-known pugilist, appeared upon the committee on the stage. Stripping himself of his fur-bordered overcoat, extending his arms, and otherwise evidently bracing himself for a determined effort, he took his place at the rear of the "Georgia Magnet" according to the prescribed fashion when attempting to raise her by her elbows. After seeing the failures of others, Mitchell was not overconfident, but apparently he did his best. When the Magnet's arms were covered by her dress he lifted her with the greatest ease, but it was different when his hands came into contact with her elbows without covering. He tagged, pulled, and even bent his knees almost to the floor in the endeavour to achieve victory, but, although exerting his strength to the utmost, he was eventually com-

MARRIAGE OF LADY SARAH CHURCHILL.

The marriage of Lady Sarah Spencer Churchill, daughter of the late Duke of Marlborough and sister of the present peer, to Mr. Gordon Wilson, eldest son of Sir Samuel Wilson, M.P., was solemnized in the afternoon of the 21st inst. at St. George's, Hanover-square, in the presence of a large and aristocratic congregation. The bride, who was given away by her mother, the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, wore a costume of white duchesse satin, striped with moire, with long court train, crepe lace veil, fastened to the hair with diamond stars, and a coronet of natural orange blossoms. Her mother, the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, wore a costume of white duchesse satin, striped with moire, with long court train, crepe lace veil, fastened to the hair with diamond stars, and a coronet of natural orange blossoms. Her mother, the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, wore a costume of white duchesse satin, striped with moire, with long court train, crepe lace veil, fastened to the hair with diamond stars, and a coronet of natural orange blossoms.

THE DIRTIEST TO BEGIN WITH.

"That's all right," she said with a sigh of satisfaction, and was proceeding to leave the shop.

The proprietor, with a meaning glance towards his visitor, called after the woman.

"You've said that article for a long time, miss," he said. "I suppose you must have found some virtue in it?"

"I don't know about virtue," was the reply, "but I'll wash, if that's what you mean. Since I've said it I haven't had half the work as I used to have, and I'm saving my washing of clothes with anybody's. They're the dirtiest to begin, and the greatest to finish with, that ever you saw."

"Name me," interrupted the visitor, "and how is it they are so dirty to begin with?"

"Well, you see, sir, my husband is an engine-driver on the London and South-Western, and his work makes his clothes very dirty, for what with the oil, and what with the grease, what with the smoke, and what with the coal dust, he gets himself and his clothes as black as a signor or a sweep. When he comes home he takes 'em off, and you'd think they'd never be got clean again, but this does it like magic, oh, this does it. And she lifted her purchase from her basket and held it up in triumph. "And what's more," she went on, "the soap's such a comfort to my husband for a clean up that he wouldn't be without it for the world. It's so soft and pleasant, and makes the water so kind and smooth to the skin, you see. Then for cleaning up the house it's mighty good, as soon as you set it going with water and a brush it comes like something alive, and cleanses every bit of dirt that's to be found for clothes, I say it again it's a simple perfection!"

"I'm rather interested in this, and should like to know a little more about this soap," said the gentleman.

"Oh, sir, it's called, with an inveterate English 'your clothes are never dirty.'"

"All the same, I'm interested. What do you call it?"

"They call it 'Sindol.' I don't know what Sindol means, whether it's a man's name or what, but I don't know, and I don't know where I say it, or when I say it—that it's the best soap as working people can get hold of; why, sir, it doesn't need any hot water. There's no bother of boiling; no fire to light, you see, and that's something more than a saving in warm water. It's all done with cold water, and there's hardly any rubbing required. I just put the clothes ready in the afternoon, by rubbing the dirty parts well, and leaving them to soak until the next morning. I then wring them into a tub of warm water, using more soap, as is done in the ordinary way, and after that I rinse them well, and they turn out as white as snow."

"And to your husband pleased with the result?"

"He's pleased with it, for he's a tidy chap, and I like to see his coat and cap. But what please him most is that we've no uncomfortable washing days now. You see, sir, our cottage is only small, and when he comes home in the old days and had the place full of heat and steam, it felt like coming from one engine-place to another, and he used to get his nose and eyes red, and his head aching, and he used to get a headache and go to bed, perhaps to the public-house, and sleep it off."

"And now all that's over, I suppose?"

"Well, he finds everything comfortable washing days as well as other days, if that's what you mean. Besides, look at the saving! The work as I used to do was done with soap, but now I use 'Sindol,' and the saving is such that I can give my new frock or two every year, and that's something I don't want to lose."

"At this point the shopman interrupted. "Well, just a moment," he said. "Allow me to introduce this gentleman to you. This is a member of the great firm of Sindol."

The woman started back in amazement.

"You Sindol! You the maker of my soap! Oh, just stop here while I fetch my neighbours, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Truscott, Mrs. —"

"No, no, my good woman," protested the gentleman. "I am much obliged to you for your unsolicited testimony, but —"

"Oh, but they'll all say you're wrong."

"But the gentleman cannot wait," cried the shopman.

"Well then, sir," said the woman, "let me at least have the honour of shaking hands with you, and of thanking you for having done so much for the comfort, happiness, and cleanliness of my humble home."

After a hearty handshake, and a profusion of additional compliments, the good-will left the shop, and the shopman and his visitor resumed their business talk.

THE HOLLOWAY SHOOTING CASE.

At the Old Bailey on the 21st inst. William Garrard, aged 76, pleaded guilty to wounding his son, Thomas Garrard. Mr. Purcell, who has appeared on behalf of the accused, said that the prisoner had carried on the business of a greengrocer for many years in the St. James's-road, Holloway, and his son, the prosecutor, who was a married man, resided in the same house. The evidence disclosed that the father and son for some time had been engaged in an exceedingly unhappy quarrel, and frequent quarrels arose. The prisoner, in a second state of mind, had struck the old man, knocking him down through a window and inflicting a serious wound. At the police station, when charged, the accused explained that his son threw a plank at him, and struck him a violent blow on the right ear, and he then went upstairs and got the revolver, and discharged it at the prosecutor. The latter had since quite recovered from his injury. The prisoner, in a second state of mind, had struck the old man, knocking him down through a window and inflicting a serious wound. At the police station, when charged, the accused explained that his son threw a plank at him, and struck him a violent blow on the right ear, and he then went upstairs and got the revolver, and discharged it at the prosecutor. The latter had since quite recovered from his injury.

THE LAMBETH POISONING CASE.

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old, chap. 19.

It is with legitimate satisfaction that we gather from Lord SALISBURY'S important speech at Birmingham last Tuesday that the Government are alive to the justice and expediency of a cause which has been long and consistently advocated in the columns of the *People's Paper*. When we last referred to the matter in question—the claim, namely, of the agricultural labourer to more consideration at the hands of the Unionist party than he has yet received—we pointed out what we believed to be the two directions which

A DIFFICULT QUESTION.

At last Wednesday's meeting of the delegates of the National Union of Conservative Associations, a resolution, moved on behalf of Mr. HOWARD VINCENT, "Fair Trade" renowned, was carried by an overwhelming majority. That resolution was in favour of the establishment of British Imperial Customs Union, or, at events, of supporting the principles which if carried into practice, would necessarily result in the establishment of such a union and of abrogating any existing treaty between the mother country and colonies which "impose limitations upon the full development of trade between United Kingdom and other parts of the British empire." The idea of an Imperial Customs Union, with different duties imposed for the benefit of all portions of the vast empire over which British flag flies, is tempting enough paper. Suffering as many of our industries unquestionably are from the wave of Protection which is passing over the world, and notably from the results of the McKinley Tariff Act in

United States, it is no wonder that it should be many long eyes turned in direction of a policy of retaliation. But such a policy practicable? The answer must surely be that, at all events, things stand at present, it is not. The colonies, it is sufficiently evident, have intention of making any such sacrifice would be necessary for the establishment of such a union. Thus we have the taint of determined opposition in direction. And when we come to look home we cannot but perceive that our artisan class, while quite ready to pay differential duties on foreign manufactured articles, would strongly object to any in the price of food stuffs, such as bread and meat. But, then, why should agricultural community be compelled to pay more for manufactured articles without also deriving some advantage for our own products of corn and cattle? We can persuade our own artisans to agree and our colonial cousins to agree a policy which cannot benefit everybody equally in all respects, the idea of Imperial Customs Union must remain

Whatever allowances ought to be made—and the public are sure to be ready to make enough—for the failure of a lifeboat and her crew to render effectual aid in the case of a particular shipwreck, it cannot be denied that Captain CHETWYND's Report in the matter of the Brighton Shoreham boats shows that there is something seriously wrong with the system. The failure of these two boats to render aid to the crew of the John and Robert may be said to have been largely due to a lack of the organisation necessary for the prompt and effectual action of the boats. It was not that the boats were not ready.

understanding between the lifeboat people and the Coastguard, a fact of which the public at Brighton appear to be well aware. It is much to be hoped that for the future the respective duties of the two bodies will be accurately defined and the organization of the lifeboat service brought up to the level of its requirements. Above all it would seem necessary to impress upon the local lifeboat authorities that their work necessitates promptitude in emergencies rather than regard for the out-dated rules of red tape and routine. We are, however, strongly of opinion that the work of the National Lifeboat Institution suffers considerably from lack of funds. Without the sinews of war the institution cannot carry on its incessant campaign upon our wreck strewn coasts; and it does not, we venture to say, receive by any means the amount of national support to which it is entitled. This should not be so. The supremacy of England's mercantile marine, like that of her combatant Navy, should render it a point of honour with Englishmen to make as efficient as possible the noble institution which devotes itself to the rescue of the seamen and others of all nations who are cast away upon our coasts.

EDITORIAL ADDRESS.

Mr. Balfour on Thursday delivered his editorial address before a brilliant assembly of students and the elite of the city in Butts Hall, Glasgow University. Principal Caird presided. Mr. Balfour announced the subject as "Progress and stagnation in our modern quarters." He said, "as we were the recipients of progress in western civilization, they had been almost entirely due to scientific discoveries, to industrial inventions, commercial enterprise, the occupation by Europeans of new continents, and the slow modification of our beliefs and governing conditions; but to these great causes the State had contributed little, but the social conditions under which individual effort had been able to operate unhampered. Society was found not upon criticism, but feelings and beliefs, and upon customs and codes by which feelings and beliefs were fixed and rendered stable. And even where these harmonized, they were seldom consciously based on reasoning, and therefore the State was left with that of the extremely indifferent arguments by which from time to time the philosophers, politicians, and divines had thought fit to support them. Speaking of the theory of persecution, some said that persecution was always unsuccessful. Others held that everybody had a right to propagate his opinion. Others more rigidly held that if persecutors could be sure that he was right, and that new truths were at first unpopular, but persecution was only the attempt to do openly and violently what the community is self-defence did unconsciously and silently."

Captain Chevrolet read at Brighton Town Hall on Wednesday, his report upon the conduct of the two local lifeboats during the gale on the 11th inst. He found that the crewman of the Shoreham Lifeboat had shown great spathy and want of energy. The second crewman of the Brighton boat was very wrongly in not taking the boat to the shore when he heard of the first boat's wreck.—The inspector expressed his astonishment that, of all the people standing near the lifeboat house on the day in question, not one was at the trouble of ascertaining whether the boat had gone out. At the close of the proceedings a *disputatio* was handed to the mayor by the name of Mr. Williams, who provided for a lifeboat being stationed at Horre.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.
Fifteen hundred delegates assembled at Birmingham on Monday for the annual post-graduate conference of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations. Mr. Byron Reed, M.P., president, and Mr. Windor was elected president for the coming year. Resolutions against the disestablishment of the Church of England and in favour of the Franchise and Unionists' labour candidates, were adopted. A motion proposed by Sir A. Rolitt, M.P., expressing approval of the Government's proposal to introduce a Local Government Bill for the purpose of abolishing the Poor Law, evoked considerable discussion, several delegates objecting to the proposal on the ground that it was "the purpose of dealing with this matter, and on the question of the Marquis of Granby, M.P., on the previous question was carried by a large majority. At the closing sitting of the conference, resolutions were passed endorsing the principle of assisting the Government in Great Britain to acquire land for the creation of small rural holdings, and recommending Customs arrangements between this country and her colonies as a safeguard to the protection of foreign countries, in favour of the improvement of the register

A Free Association correspondent writes:—The following remarkable story has just been related to a friend by a lady at present staying in Italy—"I am on intimate terms with the Marquis of Salisbury's family, and the last time when staying at his house, the major-domo, who was in charge of the household, was talking to me as if I had known it and in trying to remember I looked at the man very frequently. At last he noticed I was observing him, and he apologized for the moment disconcerted. Still I could not recall where I had seen his face. He presently I remembered, and with some evident recognition in my countenance. He was in the habit of coming over a portion of the time, and he had conducted me. He was, at the time, in the garb of an Italian priest speaking English fluently, and was one of the most affable and gentlemanly men I ever met. I went to bed at night feeling very uneasy, and quite sure that the man was a Jesuit. I went to the Marquis's house for the night, and I could not sleep, and I was very good for nothing. The next day, however, the Marquis, to my great surprise, as soon as I got down to breakfast it was reported that the quondam priest had decamped in the night, taking with him all the belongings of the Marquis, and causing a great deal of confusion in the household. I saw the Marquis and told him my story. He appeared to be greatly surprised, but is very quiet. The man was very well educated and knew several European languages. He had concluded at Hatfield that he was an agent of the Jesuits sent over, like so many others, with a special mission of which it would be

The death occurred in the workhouse Dorchester on Sunday of a Dorset labourer named Hammett, a native of the hamlet Talpudde, near Dorchester, who attained great notoriety some sixty years ago for the active part he took in fomenting riotous disturbances in Dorset as a precursor to the introduction of farm machinery into the country. The deceased was 80 years of age and had been an inmate of the workhouse

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

There were 3,500 births and 1,300 deaths in London last week.

No fewer than 51 deaths in London last week were attributed to accident or negligence.

Nine little infants were—despite coroners' warnings—suffocated in bed in London last week.

The second daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, the Princess Victoria Melita, is just 15 years old.

American quail are being introduced into China for the benefit of American and English sportsmen.

A London omnibus earns, on an average, 4s. per day from passengers, and 1s. per day from advertisements.

The influenza is still with us. The Registrar-general tells us that there were seven deaths in London last week.

Mr. Balfour has consented to act as vice-president of the Birkbeck Institution, in the room of the late Mr. W. H. Smith.

On the last election day in New York State Nathaniel Laird, of Oswego, cast his eighty-seventh annual vote. He is said to be 109 years old.

Said the Master of the Rolls recently—"It is a fact that if two people get married knowingly in wrong names, it is a marriage at all."

The City and South London Electric Railway have now given notice in the Gazette of their intention to extend their system to Islington.

The library of the Church House, the formation of which was begun about two years ago, already consists of some 8,000 selected volumes.

Mr. Lloyd-George avers that, while during the last 10 years the population in Wales has increased by 30,000, the Nonconformists have increased by 100,000.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the following appointments to her Majesty's Household:—To be treasurer of the household, Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, M.P.; to be vice-chamberlain, Lord Burghley, M.P.

A fire broke out at 12 o'clock this morning in the Grand Duke of Saxe-Coburg, two hours after the conclusion of the performance. The building was completely burned down. There was no loss of life.

Intelligence has reached Sydney that the natives of the New Hebrides have murdered two Frenchmen for the sake of plunder. Her Majesty's ship Dart is said to be protecting the European settlers.

The Court Circular states that Dr. Crozer, organist at St. Peter's Parish Church, Leeds, has been selected for the post of organist and composer of her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.

The Commander-in-Chief will hold a levee at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, the 2nd of December, at the Horse Guards, Whitehall. Applications to attend should be addressed to the military secretary.

Two young men, who formed part of a gang of thieves arrested a few days ago in Paris, have confessed that they were the thieves of M. Ollivier, the old money-lender of Neuilly, who was not long ago found strangled in his apartment.

A watchman named Delaney, while guarding a coal store belonging to Messrs. Flower and Macdonald, at Ringend Basin, Dublin, was burned to death. He was apparently suffocated in his box by the fumes of a fire which he had lighted, and which had extended to a coal heap.

Insurance agents in Edinburgh have banded themselves together in an "Insurance Social Union." Business is strictly barred at the gatherings of this body, and the man who talks "shop" must be insured in the office of all his fellow-conspirators in order to escape an untimely end.

To English readers an American political article is a blood-curdling piece of work. Knifing and scalping, corpses and severed heads—these are common terms in the vocabulary of American politicians, but, like other things American, they are not always what they seem.

The Salvation Army have given notice of their intention to promote a private bill in the ensuing session of Parliament for the purpose of repealing the section in the Eastbourne Improvement Act, 1885, which prohibits processions passing through the streets of Eastbourne on Sundays.

The Lord Mayor presided at a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, when the report was presented, showing that the total receipts amounted to £45,330, being £2,515 more than in any previous year. Grants were made to many hospitals and similar institutions.

Alexander Schenkel, of New York, betrayed a dogged determination to kill himself. After wounding himself severely with a mason's saw, he ran on to a railway track and smashed his head against a locomotive. The railway people have come forward with the reassuring information that the locomotive is uninjured.

"Happy Moments" is the name given to a building in Atlanta, the capital of Georgia, where for 10 cents a man is allowed to drink just as much whisky as he can pull through an inch indiarubber without drawing his breath. If there are any more "little magnets" left in Georgia they ought to be able to enjoy happy moments at a very small cost.

Wherever Prince George caught the typhoid fever from which he is now suffering, it certainly was not at Calicut during his visit to Lord and Lady Cadogan.

Immediately after the purchase of the Calicut property by Lord Cadogan, the hall was purchased by an absolutely military state, the work being carried out on the strictest scientific principles.

A serious outbreak of diphtheria has, it is stated, occurred at Bishopstoke, Hampshire. During the past week several children have died, and others are in a very precarious state. It has been necessary to close the board schools, which are fitted up as a temporary hospital, under the care of a trained nurse. No cause is at present assigned for the outbreak.

Asia Minor must be a good healthy spot to live in. According to an official Russian paper, men often live to the age of 100 there, and one who has just celebrated his 152nd birthday has a grandchild who is already 90 years old. This is all true, of course, being published in an official paper. It has often been remarked that in Russia, not to mention official Russia, truth is much more marvellous than fiction.

Lord Lansdowne, who has arrived at Indore, from Bhopal, was entertained at a banquet by the Maharajah Holkar. His highness, speaking in English, proposed the toast of the Empress of India and the health of the Viceroy.

Lord Lansdowne, in reply, dwelt upon the progress of education and the increase in the number of hospitals in the State of Indore. The Viceroy and his suite afterwards witnessed a splendid display of fireworks.

An accident occurred on Tuesday evening on the main line of the Great Western Railway at Cropredy, near Leamington. A goods train left the metals near to Cropredy Station, and tearing up the permanent way caused the four lines of metals and totally suspended the traffic between London, Birmingham, and the north. Large masses of men were engaged in clearing the line, but traffic was seriously

delayed. The London express for the north being detained at Banbury.

Walter Meikle, a Leith carter, was tired of his life. He ended it by hanging himself.

There is a lady stockbroker. She is well known on the Exchange, and has her office in the City.

"Liberalism," says Lord Rosebery, "represents less the succession to than the revolt against Whiggery."

At least four ladies, one practising in Mayfair, and others at seaside resorts, are registered as pharmacological chemists.

The death is announced of Julia Cronin, who died at Ballymount, near Killarney, at the extraordinary age of 115 years.

Horseshoe, in Sussex, boasts a poultry and dairy farm, conducted by a lady who trains papula, especially intending emigrants.

Mr. Jackson, the new-appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland, was re-elected for North Leeds on Monday without opposition.

One peculiar thing about the recent sale was the wholesale destruction of hoardings. In fact, as Punch has it, it seems very hard that "hoardings" could be "saved."

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Evan Evans, master of Pembroke College, Oxford, which took place at his official residence after a short illness.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud have visited the exhibition of the Royal Society of British Artists.

Mr. Daniel Mayer has in contemplation the building of a concert hall to hold about 1,000 people on a site in Great Marlborough-street.

Li Hung Chang, the Chinese Prime Minister, expresses admiration for Mr. Gladstone as a man, but laughs good-naturedly at his favourite hobby of tree-felling.

Sir Charles Dilke has accepted to the request of the Aberdeen United Trades Council to open the industrial exhibition in that city on December 11th.

On one of the breezy downs of Surrey a lady last month carried on a four-horse distillery for lavender water, supplying the Queen with her Majesty's favourite perfume.

The Bishop of Rochester has appointed the Rev. Allen Edwards, jun., vicar of All Saints, South Lambeth, to be rural dean of Kensington, in succession to the late Rev. Canon Huxley.

Baroness in Scotland seem to have been singularly successful of late. The sale opened by the Duchess of Montrose in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institute in Glasgow has realised over £5,000.

Mr. Gladstone, acknowledging a resolution of confidence passed by the Morningstar Liberal Association, Edinburgh, writes:—"Things go well in England and Wales, and I trust that Scotland will still keep the advanced place she has so long held."

The memorial chapel erected at St. Alban's, Holborn, in commemoration of the Rev. Alexander Heriot Mackenzie is now completed, and the service of dedication will take place on Tuesday, December 15th, the anniversary of the reverend father's death.

In July last, while some excursionists from Aberdeen were visiting the ruins of Hagia Castle, Monmouthshire, belonging to the Duke of Beaufort, one of their number, a lad, fell from the tower, and was killed. The Duke, although in no way responsible, has just sent a cheque for £50 to the father of the deceased.

Field flasks of aluminum, instead of the ordinary glass flasks, are being tried in the German Army. A Berlin correspondent says that, should they answer, the whole Army will be equipped with them. The metal flasks weigh only 150 grammes, while the glass ones weigh 500. The former are also much more durable.

The Duke of Westminster has promised to preside over a meeting of the Liberal Unionist and Conservative Associations of Cheshire, at Chester Music Hall, on Monday, December 14th. Among the members of Parliament who have arranged to attend are Mr. Wodehouse, Mr. Yerburgh, Mr. H. J. Tollermeach, and Colonel Cotton-Jodrell.

The Russian Minister of War has just ordered that 500,000 pounds of soldiers' biscuits are to be got ready and delivered by the beginning of the new year. This order has caused considerable comment in military circles in South Russia, as a like order has been given since Russia was preparing to take the field for the Russo-Turkish war.

Farmer Prytzarski, in ploughing up his potato fields at Abben Karzyn, unearthed an ear containing about a thousand gold and silver coins of various denominations. The coins, which are in a state of good preservation, belong to the period of the Thirty Years' War and are of great value. The West Prussian Provincial Museum has purchased the whole of the treasure.

Lord Salisbury writes, under date of November 21st, to Mr. Lionel Pileigier, secretary to the East Perthshire Conservative and Liberal Unionist Associations, that he "observes with satisfaction that no effort is being spared to spread the Conservative spirit throughout the division, and is glad that the meetings in the country districts have been so numerous and well attended."

It is stated that notices have been served on the National Sunday League by the Lord's Day Observance Society, warning them that if they persist in their evil ways of giving evening lectures and concerts on Sundays they will be proceeded against in the Law Courts. The league, it is reported, are not seriously alarmed, and intend to fight the question if necessary.

People on the cliffs at Ramsgate on Sunday night saw what were believed to be two rockets fired by the North Sands Head Lightship. The lifeboat, with Charles Fish as coxswain, at once put to sea. A heavy fog prevailed, and it was believed that the vessel had stranded on the Goodwin Sands.

On returning at a late hour the coxswain reported that the lightship men had only observed two meteorites falling.

St. Mark's Church, North Audley-street, was thronged on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur W. H. Hay, eldest son of Colonel the Hon. Charles Hay, and a great nephew of the late Duke of Cleveland, with Miss Mary Scott, youngest daughter of the late Sir Edward Scott, Bart., and Lady Scott. The bride wore a simply made dress of white satin trimmed with old Brussels point-gaze, a wreath of orange blossoms, and tulle veil fastened by diamond ornaments, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr. Percival Spencer and a companion met a balloon ascent on Tuesday from the Dover Gas Works. Owing to the prevalence of an easterly wind the Channel trip had to be abandoned. After leaving Dover the balloon travelled over Folkestone and thence along the coast to Dungeness, ultimately landing near Hastings. Throughout the whole journey the balloon was kept aloft, and was in sight of the sea the whole time. The greatest altitude reached was 3,500 feet.

A minute has been issued by the Education Department dealing with the funds applicable to science, art, and technical instruction placed at the disposal of county councils and county boroughs under the Act of the last two sessions. Broadly speaking, the intention is to rely upon local effort for the management and support of elementary instruction in science after the next May examinations; but at the same time the pay-

ments for the advanced stage and for honours will be considerably increased.

The drink question up to date: "What's your poison?"

Nowadays, the young man proposes and the old man opposes, and that settles it.

Eastbourne folks wish the Salvation Army would fly away upon its Social Wing.

Keeping an appointment should always be regarded as a matter of particular moment.

The Brazilian nut is cracked, and, strange as it may seem, has not yielded a colonial but a general—Floriano Peixoto to wit.

Wheat is no longer to be exported from Russia. It is one of the cereals that will not be "continued in our next."

The new coin upon which the little Spanish King's bust is to be placed should be a half-sovereign.

Perhaps the poem is not as ornamental as the prettily-ribboned waste-basket, but it gets there all the same.

Some men have greatness thrust upon them—especially when sitting next to a fat man in a crowded tramcar.

"Fish and potatoes in the Roman style" is an announcement boldly painted on a shop front in Edinburgh. "Mind the Greece" would make a good supplemental notice.

The Empress Frederick, who has spent a month at Trient, in the Southern Tyrol, has left for Munich. Her Majesty was serenaded by the Trient choir the other night.

It is said that the average sale of the 4,000 books published in Russia last year was only 300 copies each. Russia is too cold a country to get up a very high circulation.

According to a Scotch contemporary a Paisley cheesemonger is giving away Byron's poems with purchases of butter and cheese. But it is only a page at a time.

Surely our courts of justice are not such unhealthy, badly-ventilated places as people make out. Why, one often hears of persons "recovering in a court of law."

That boisterous cyclone did considerable damage in Washington and other American cities. Such heavy winds are luckily not on visiting terms with us Britishers.

American spirit journals report "a big drop in whisky." With prudent drinkers the big drop in the whisky consists of aqua pura.

The arrangements for constructing and putting on show a miniature Venice in London, with canals, gondolas, and gondoliers as well, are progressing satisfactorily.

As a Dundee boy named Thomas McLeod was lying in the street, a palling fell upon him and fractured his skull, with the result that he died a short time afterwards.

Although a very large amount of sickness from enteric and scarlet fever prevails in London, the number of fatal cases were, last week, below the average.

Several members of the Louisiana Lottery Company have been arrested at San Antonio, Texas, and will probably be severely dealt with by the local authorities for lottery without licence of this description.

Lady gardeners are becoming quite a fashion, and one lady carries on an active business as a landscape gardener in London, being employed by the Kyrie Society and Metropolitan Gardens Association.

In 1870 there were 10,000 juvenile offenders in gaol in London, in a population of 3,250,000. In 1889, and in a population of 4,250,000, there were only 3,672.

"It is worth too much to maintain," says Lord Rosebery, "that all the members of a Cabinet should feel an implicit confidence in each other; humanity—least of all political humanity—could not stand so severe a test."

The retirement of Madame Marie Rose from public life was, not long since, spoken of as probable, and we believe, actually intended. Circumstances have since occurred to make the prospect necessary.

It is proposed to send a school of art for the exclusive benefit of American students in Paris, and it is said that the United States Government is ready to contribute 1,000,000 towards the necessary funds.

There were forty-nine deaths from measles in London last week, thirteen from scarlet fever, thirty from diphtheria, sixty from whooping-cough, thirteen from enteric fever, and twenty-one from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Goods news for London and Londoners: a new asylum, intended to accommodate 1,000 inmates, is to be shortly erected. It is a crying scandal that respectable London lunatics who have become attached to the metropolis should have to be sent to provincial asylums.

"Why can't the women propose?" wails a woman's journal. Echo answers "Why?" Many of the girls are possessing their souls in patience at this juncture. In thirty days from now 1892 dawn upon us, and the dear girls commence their innuendoes.

"The House of Commons," says Lord Rosebery, in his life of Pitt, "was Pitt's mistress, his stud, his dice-box, his game preserves; it was his ambition, his library, his creed. No young Hannibal was ever more solemnly devoted to his country than Pitt to Parliament."

Everybody knows the traditional last dying speech of Pitt's, "Oh, my country! how I love (or love) my country!" Lord Rosebery has a more prosaic account. According to an old House of Commons waiter, and he was set to fulfil the dying man's request he ought to know, Pitt's last words were, "I think I could eat one of Bellamy's meat pies."

The receipts on account of revenue from the last of the year, 1891, show a balance of £2,707,897, to November 21st, 1891, were £21,045,494, against £22,110,013, in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £2,220,261. The net expenditure was £25,792,358, against £24,132,181 to the same date in the previous year. The Treasury balance on November 21st, 1891, amounted to £1,633,827, and at the same date in 1890 to £1,530,102.

Parliamentary notice has been given by a new and independent company of its intention to promote a bill in the next session of Parliament for powers to construct an electrical underground railway commencing by a junction with the Great Northern Railway at Finsbury Park and terminating in the City about the centre of Finsbury Pavement. Powers will also be sought to run into and use the Finsbury Park Station of the Great Northern Railway Company.

The London County Council prosecuted a builder of Harewood, named Cross, before the Hampstead magistrates, for building a house beyond the general line of frontage in Harewood-road. The defence was that the frontage to be affected should have been instituted within six months of the commencement of the building; and that the house was not in Harewood-road, but in Fortune Green-lane, the frontage of which was not exceeded. The bench dismissed the summons, and granted five guineas costs against the council.

The Lord Mayor presided at the Mansion House, at a council of advice in connection with the Electrical Exhibition which will be opened at the Crystal Palace on the 1st of January next. It was stated that every section of the industry would be well represented, and that all the available space had been applied for. The Lord Mayor admitted that the City had less than 100 in the electric lighting movement, but said the citizens would very soon be enjoying the luxury and comfort of "the light of the future." On the motion of Mr. Frece,

seconded by the Duke of Marlborough, a committee of experts was appointed.

Mr. Dunclough has undertaken to write the biography of the late Ernest Jones.

There were six cases of suicide last week in the metropolis.

A young lady, who is highly connected, and residing at Bray, near Dublin, has eloped with the family coachman.

The material for the robes which will adorn Mr. Terrie as the king in the production of "Henry VIII." at the Lyceum is to cost thirteen guineas a yard.

Mr. Jackson and his family arrived in Dublin on Wednesday evening, and have taken up their residence at the Chief Secretary's Lodge, Phoenix Park.

A Glasgow glider, named Henry Brough, residing in a lodging-house at Watson-street, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

For "walsingham" at Leicester race in July last, John William Maise, described as a bookmaker, was at Leicester Assizes sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. The prisoner had been previously convicted.

While George Lawson, in the employ of Messrs. Parsons, at a Morley quarry, near Leeds, was clearing some rubbish from the side of the quarry on Tuesday, he slipped and fell to the bottom, a depth of sixty yards, and was dashed to pieces.

An outbreak of sheep scab has been reported at Postland, in the Spalding, district, amongst a flock belonging to Mr. J. B. Hack. Thirty out of 145 sheep were certified by the veterinary inspector to be attacked.

Mrs. Howells Clifford, wife of a wealthy resident of New York, has been fatally shot by an Englishman named Herbert Pearson, who was in attendance on her invalid husband, and then turned the weapon upon himself, but she expected to recover.

Scarlet fever has broken out in the Ponty-blyddyn and Leewood districts, and there is also an epidemic of measles in the same villages. Several deaths have occurred, and the medical officer of health has ordered the Board schools to be closed.

It is said that Sir John Gilbert has presented the whole of his books, studies, and drawings to the Royal Academy. They are all accounted and bound in volumes, and will be on permanent exhibition in a handsome mahogany case at Burlington House.

A Jersey telegram states that a gentleman who attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in an hotel there on Monday night now appears to have been identified as a clerk employed at Lloyd's Bank, London.

On Tuesday night an explosion of blasting powder occurred at Todd coal pit, Calder, near Airedale, whereby three men were seriously burned. The men descended the mine, when one lighted a pipe, and whilst examining a fuse some ashes fell from the pipe and ignited the powder.

A porter on the Welshpool line discovered on the metals near Shrewsbury a large bar of iron, which had been secured by a band of thieves, and was made just before a train was due to pass over the spot.

A Windsor correspondent telegraphs that the Queen is in excellent health, takes her customary carriage airings, and has several times driven through the town of Windsor since her arrival at the castle. The court will leave for Osborne about the 17th of December.

The Rev. Dr. Forrest, the new Dean of Worcester, was on Wednesday afternoon, at the Town Hall, Kensington, presented by his late congregation at St. Jude's, South Kensington, with an address, a gold watch, and a cheque for £2,200, as a token of affection and esteem.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts will give a farewell dinner in Stratton-street next Monday evening to Bishop Tucker, who is about to return to Uganda. Her ladyship will afterwards hold a reception, at which Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne will be present, when the bishop will give an account of his very interesting and successful work.

The first-class cruiser Edgar, 7,350 tons, 12,000 h.p., had a most successful trial of her machinery under natural draught, between the Solent and the Nab, on Tuesday. At a speed of 17,000 revolutions per minute, she made forty-five, fifty-five, and sixty-five revolutions per minute respectively, which is regarded as extremely satisfactory.

Several accidents occurred in Cardiff on Tuesday evening through the fog. As a man named James Allen, apparently a sailor, was crossing West Butte-street, he was knocked down by an omnibus, the wheels of which were covered with ice. He was dreadfully injured, and died at the infirmary on Wednesday morning.

Probate duty has been paid on £2,897 as the value of the personal estate of the Dowager Countess of Galloway, lady of Rutland Gardens, Knightsbridge. Lady Galloway's house in Rutland Gardens is devised to the use of her son, Lord Galloway, for his life, with remainder to his son and certain illegitimate children, and other works of art are bequeathed, to devolve as heirlooms.

A German friend tells Woman that ex-students with scars on their faces left by sword cuts inflicted in duels are eagerly welcomed by the German East Africa Company. It finds that those of its officials who possess these facial decorations exercise great influence over the natives, who look upon them as peculiarly brave and terrible warriors, not to be trifled with like ordinary men with whole countenances.

At a meeting of the Nunston Local Board, notice was received from the solicitors of Captain Townshend, of Caldecote Hall, of an intended action for an injunction restraining the board from creating a nuisance by sending sewage into the River Anker and for damages already sustained by accumulations of the sewage on the board's premises, and that they could not do more than they had done to prevent pollution, being now engaged in carrying out improvements costing £20,000.

On Wednesday the body of a man was discovered near the rocks on the Somerset side of the Avon. The appearance of the body left no doubt that death was caused by a leap from Clifton Suspension Bridge. This makes the twenty-ninth suicide from the bridge since it was opened in 1865. The body has been identified as that of Mr. Stuart Bowdler, a native of Bath, who had been missing from his home at Sion Hill since nine o'clock on Tuesday evening.

The Duchess of Fife on Wednesday opened a bazaar at Brixton Hall, in aid of the funds of the branch of the London City Mission in Crosby-row, Grosvenor. In acknowledging a vote of thanks passed to her royal highness, the Duke of Fife said the City Mission had for many years been doing good work amongst the poorest of the population, and he trusted that the bazaar might materially assist its work in a district where its help was much needed.

A fire broke out on Wednesday on board the steamer Isualia, of London, now discharging jute at Dundee Harbour. The vessel arrived from India several days ago with 19,000 bales, and during the absence of the workmen at dinner a fire broke out in the after-hold of the vessel, where 4,000 bales were stored. The fire brigade were immediately summoned, but the flames continued to spread. Most of the jute will be destroyed. The Isualia is a steel screw three-masted steamer of over 3,000 tons. She

is owned by Messrs. Nelson, Donkin, and Co., London.

At Devonport a drunken man fell into Joll's Canal and was drowned.

In India the Army Temperance Association has 141 branches, with over 15,000 members.

The total amount of the Irish National Fund is now £1,592.

Out of 3,700 Congregational ministers in England and Wales at least 1,600 are abstainers; of 861 students, 320 are abstainers.

The Free Church of Scotland has 632 ministers who are abstainers, and a total membership of nearly 64,000 testotestaries.

The Russian presents in the district of Jekaterinburg have literally nothing to eat but birch leaves boiled in water.

The Salvation Army in Liverpool is failing—according to the investigations of the Liverpool Press.

Lord Derby has contributed £100 to the Manchester Russo-Jewish Fund, which amounts to nearly £4,000.

The loans of books for home reading in Camberwell public libraries is now at the annual rate of 400,000 volumes.

Sir Victor Alexander Brooks, Bart., D.L., for county Fermanagh, died on Wednesday at his residence, Colbrook, in that county.

The Baptist Total Abstinence Association has 1,327 ministers as members; in the colleges out of 235 students all but nineteen are abstainers.

It is said that Mr. Rudyard Kipling is engaged to be married, or, rather, that he has renewed a former engagement to a lady whose name will be familiar in society.

Thomas W. E. Beach, alias Edward Carter, has been committed for trial at Falmouth on a charge of obtaining £116. 8d. by means of a fictitious cheque.

Mr. Besant argues that literary men should accept titles and honours. Professor Tyndall, Mr. Lecky, Mr. Hardy, Lord Selborne, and Mr. Meredith maintain a contrary opinion.

A grocer in the Rhonda Valley, who sold beer in addition to the usual commodities, told a commercial traveller, "I'll not let him if I don't make £2,000 a year." So, at least, one of the weekly religious organs declares.

The elm little plane trees which the London County Council are now causing to be planted in Rosebery Avenue, it appears, half a century ago. To this has been added 18s. 6d. each for the necessary tree-guards.

The Council of Legal Education have appointed a board of studies, consisting of two judges, six benchers, and three readers, for the purpose of organizing a new system of legal education.

The deaths are announced of General Henry Peregrine Fellows, third son of the late Admiral Sir Thomas Fellows, and Major-General D. McNeill, of the retired list, Royal Artillery.

Captain Manham, of the Dragon Guards, stationed at York, died at a farmhouse at Rushton, Cheshire, on Tuesday night, from the results of an accident sustained recently in the Cheshire hunting field.

During the recent fog a steamer bound for Newcastle was boarded in the Baltic by some hundreds of kestrel hawks, and the birds were so exhausted that several dozens of them were captured.

The rumour is current on the Stock Exchange at Manchester, that the whole of the directors of the Elber Vale Coal and Iron Company have resigned. It is believed the rumour is well founded.

A telegram from Guernsey states that the Very Rev. Carey Brock, Dean of Guernsey, has presented his resignation as dean and commissary, but retains the rectory of St. Peter-in-the-Road, a rural parish of the island.

Bernard Kelly, a Dunfermline labourer, was found dead in a back lane in Dunfermline at a late hour the

ST LARRY LYNX.

There now appears to be every probability of a glove fight between Frank Slavin and Peter Jackson coming off at the National Sporting Club, London, next summer. Slavin has signed the articles of

Although most people appear to have been of the opinion that the London Athletic Club would beat Oxford University, so a victory as that of seven events to one to nine to one if the non-decided races (included) could scarcely have been expected. A reversal of the result would, however.

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